

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The Postgraduate Diploma in Law is a full-time programme running for 9 months or a part-time programme running for 18 months over two academic years from the date of first registration for the programme. A full-time candidate may not, during the currency of the Postgraduate Diploma in Law, simultaneously pursue any other form of education, training or employment, without the advance permission of the School of Law.

Progression: LLM

Candidates who successfully complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Law may undertake the LLM (Taught) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/llm/>).

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

Programme Requirements

Full-time: Students take **60** credits over one academic year.

Part-time: Students take **60** credits over two academic years, completing a total of **30** credits in Year 1 and **30** credits in Year 2.

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take modules to the value of 60 credits from the following: 60 1, 2, 3		
LW6507	Comparative Family Property Law	
LW6536	Intellectual Property Law	
LW6544	Criminology: Core Theories, Context and Critique	
LW6560	Law of Cybercrime	
LW6563	Child Law in Practice ⁴	
LW6566	Contemporary Issues in International Law	
LW6568	The Family and the Law	
LW6574	Intellectual Property and Internet Regulation	
LW6581	Method in Environmental Law	
LW6592	Mental Capacity Law	
LW6606	International Human Rights Law	
LW6609	Mental Health Law	
LW6617	International Biodiversity and Ecosystems Law and Policy	
LW6618	Climate Change Law and Policy	
LW6619	Alternative Dispute Resolution: Processes and Practice	
LW6620	Introduction to the Law of the Sea	
LW6622	Sale, Insurance and Carriage of Goods at Sea	
LW6623	Global Maritime Security	
LW6627	International Environmental Law	
LW6633	Public International Law	
LW6634	Refugee and Forced Displacement Law	

LW6643	Negotiation and Mediation
LW6644	Managing Complex Disputes
LW6650	Contemporary Issues in EU Competition Policy
LW6655	Foundations of International Children's Rights
LW6656	Contemporary Issues in Children's Rights
LW6657	Law and Policy of the EU Digital Market
LW6658	International Youth Justice
LW6660	Digital Finance and FinTech: Law and Regulation
LW6662	Law & the Future of Europe: Critical Perspectives Internal Market & Citizenship
LW6663	Law and the Future of Europe - Critical Perspectives EMU and Governance

- ¹ It may be that not all modules listed above will be offered each year and/or other options may become available.
- ² In order to ensure a reasonable distribution of workload, when choosing modules for all programmes, students should take a balance of credits between Semester 1 and Semester 2. Students who wish to deviate from this rule must seek permission from their Programme Director.
- ³ Undergraduate Modules: In certain cases, with the permission of the Programme Director, students may elect to take 10 credits from the list of undergraduate modules available for the LLB (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/llb/>) degree.
- ⁴ There is a quota of 20 students for LW6563. Preference will be given to students from the LLM (Children's Rights and Family Law) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/llmcrf/>) and any remaining places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Law (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of the programme students should be able to:

- Critically evaluate primary and secondary legal materials including legislation, case-law and academic commentary;
- Identify and explore interconnections between legal topics;
- Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving legal problems;
- Demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking in relation to legal issues;
- Connect changing values and sentiments in society with legal developments;
- Formulate research questions and develop appropriate research methodologies and research methods;
- Undertake independent scholarly legal research on legal questions and themes;
- Use information technology appropriately for high-level legal research and writing;
- Express complex legal and/or policy in an appropriate legal style, in accordance with legal writing standards.